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PAYING THE SOLDIERS.

THIS is the vital point made by students of silver in estimating the probable ultimate value of that metal as a consort of the gold standard. Uncle Sam has to pay his soldiers and pay them handsomely for their services. Therefore there is not the peradventure of a doubt but there will be a demand for all the silver that can be produced and that every effort must be made to increase the output. At the present rate of production there is not sufficient silver to meet the world's ordinary demands let alone the extraordinary call for hard money wherewith to remunerate the millions of men in the trenches. In facing this situation it is conceded that the supply is diminishing at a rate that is almost startling. This is due in a measure to the low price obtaining for the past quarter of a century which discouraged prospectors and capitalists from venturing into the field except in rare cases like the Tonopah group of mines which carry enough gold to offset the depreciated silver values. Leaving the gold out of the question the country is vexed with the problem of how to bring about a revival that will add measurably to the visible supply. This cannot be done in a day. There is no way of speeding up the production of silver like the base metals for there are no mountains lying out in the wide open creation waiting for steam shovels to dig into their ribs and bring forth an increased tonnage. The list of known producers is restricted to those that were sufficiently strong and capable of meeting the reverses of the dull period and yet show a profit for their stockholders. Summed up in a nutshell the arguments may be predicated on the two following statements:

The world's production in 1911 was 226,192,923 ounces
 The world's production in 1916 was 172,383,800 ounces

Or a decrease in five years of 53,809,123 ounces

This does not indicate a congested market for the production is not commensurate with meeting the demand from the arts in normal times. At present the industrial demand is far below normal owing to the complete suspension of German manufacturing which formerly absorbed a large percentage of the supply that entered into manufactures including photography and film supplies.

On top of this comes Uncle Sam entering the war with his silver dollars. Every \$1000 of these contains 860 ounces of silver and Uncle Sam is buying all the silver that is not already contracted for the eastern movement. Jones & Baker, one of the most conservative financial firms in the east, sums up the condition by declaring that silver is a stable necessity and not a war metal. Therefore silver stocks have not been in the continuous spotlight of public interest. The writer goes on to state that fortunes have been made in war metals and industrials and, in view of the apparent neglect of substantial silver stocks on the market a sudden enhancement may be looked for. The same firm after recounting the dividends and production of the leading American and Canadian silver mines suggests the coming of better prices by relating that the nine leading stocks, including Tonopah Mining company, the Tonopah Belmont Development company and the Jim Butler of Tonopah, show a decrease of 20.2 per cent in the market price of shares. Still there is not one of them but what has continued officially to report increasing profits. In 1916 Belmont reached the high price of \$5.50 per share for that year and is quoted today at \$4.35; Tonopah Mining sold at \$7.50 in 1916 and today is quoted around \$6.00 while Jim Butler with a high of \$1.18 in 1916 is selling today about 70 cents although paying a three cent monthly dividend or netting investors 57.1 per cent on their money. West End sold at \$1.12 in 1916 and is quoted today at 65 cents despite mine development and steady dividend payments.

The deductions of the best judges who are not directly interested in silver mining is that there must be a sharp advance in the price of these stocks and all other silver stocks to bring about a parity between the former and present price of silver. If we have to wait for the passing of the holidays to bring about a more healthful reaction in the market it is not presumptuous to look for a runaway market by the first of September with the close of the vacation season and the return of the summer idlers to their desks in the financial centers.

THE MIDLAND TRAIL.

MOTORISTS should get together and use their influence to the end of gaining more publicity for the route that is open all the year round between coast and coast. The Bonanza is in receipt of a circular issued by a leading Chicago house which pretends to give impartial advice to transcontinental motorists. Apparently there is no desire on the part of the publishers to play favorites for they express no opinion of the merits of any of the routes they advertise but it is manifest that they have not had their attention called to the merits of the Midland route which fails to receive even mention among a list of five other roads which are logged for the guidance of tourist parties. Here is an excellent chance for some judicious boosting that may be gained without incurring any expense. The motorists of the coast should see that the Midland route which possesses greater advantages than any other is not slighted. Literature should be disseminated freely telling the traveling public that the Midland route is the only all year round route open to all classes of travelers from one year's end to the other. The Lincoln Highway may have a certain prestige as a direct route to Tahoe's ephemeral allurements but, as everybody knows that route is blocked with snow for six months of the year and therefore is not available all year round. The Santa Fe trail, which is one of the best advertised routes chiefly from the proximity to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado suffers from the other extreme. It is too hot in summer time to draw travel and at the present time is under the ban, owing to the extreme torridity of the temperature along that road after passing Flagstaff. Sunstrokes have been so numerous that the public has been warned not to essay the feat of venturing across the blazing stretches of sand and alkali unless with the foolhardy desire to take their lives in their hands by the death defying feat of polish-

ing the hinges of Gehenna. Between these two routes is the Midland Trail enjoying a happy mean of temperature without any of the meanness of the alternative routes. The Midland meanders through the most alluring scenes embracing mountain roads and valley highways with a constant change of scene that never palls and the assurance of good hotels every night to stop at for refreshment for mind and body. The Midland Trail is the best. The roads in a measure are natural of a firmness and evenness that precludes thoughts of stalling or of being marooned far from human habitations. Beginning at Salt Lake and into Ely the eastern end has been improved until it is almost equal to the best eastern boulevards. Then ensues a stretch of the desert country from the borders of White Pine county into Tonopah where the distance is daily negotiated without a mishap. Passing on to the western end the Trail takes the tourist into the prettiest and most fascinating section of the Sierras and then by Tioga Pass with its wild beauty into the Yosemite with a marvelous succession of surprises. The nights are deliciously cool at all times and the men or women who prefer to travel in absolute comfort free from the plague of heat, dust and insects there is no better way than by coming over the Midland Trail in the night when the refreshing and nerve stimulating ozone tintured with the healthful balm of pines lends refreshment that cannot be had anywhere else in the country.

The Midland Trail should be placed on the map of every automobile center and this can only be done by the free expenditure of money in providing suitable literature that will wean tourists away from the time beaten and hackneyed paths. Publicity is the only way to draw travel and to get a share of the millions that are disbursed every year by the wealthy vagabonds of the nation.

CHANCE FOR THE SONG WRITERS.

EVERY state in the Union has its own war song but the war activities have not stirred any of the bards of the sagebrush to an ecstatic outburst of song. There is an excellent opportunity here although there is not the same incentive as elsewhere owing to the fact that Nevada is one of the few states without any military organization and therefore there is no concrete body of men claiming citizenship from the land that saved the union for Lincoln. The boys of Nevada were among the first to respond to the call of duty and they are distributed at campfires ranging from the Dakotas and Rio Grande to the reserve trenches in France. These boys are all in the regular service but there is also a good sprinkling in the guards of adjacent states for it is well known that many of our young men enlisted under the colors of California, Utah and Colorado. Still the state lacks an official state song although an effort has been made to popularize "My Own Nevada." The words are known to a few and the music would not be recognized anywhere in the state since its rendition is so seldom that the popular air has not become attuned to the melody. Every state in the Union has its state flower and the martial spirit aroused by the war should not be allowed to smoulder without a lyric that would save the boys from homesickness and stimulate a healthy rivalry in the field wherever a handful of the gallant fighters from the great interior plateau gather for an evening of song and diversion. If there is something better let us have it, and, if there is no superior substitute then let us have the words of "My Own Nevada" printed and circulated and played at every public gathering to foster the pride in home institutions.

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	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
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Boston	52	35	.598
Cleveland	49	42	.539
New York	45	41	.523
Detroit	45	44	.506
Washington	35	52	.402
St. Louis	36	55	.396
Philadelphia	32	52	.386

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	51	27	.654
Philadelphia	42	34	.559
Cincinnati	49	43	.533
St. Louis	45	40	.529
Chicago	43	45	.489
Brooklyn	38	41	.481
Boston	35	46	.433
Pittsburg	28	55	.337

Yesterday's Games

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, July 23.—With two out and the bases full in the last of the thirteenth inning Maravalle took a chance on Kelly's fly out to Mann in short left field, and scored the run that won for Boston over Chicago, 3 to 2. It was the sixth consecutive Boston victory over Mitchell's team. Ed. Walsh, former American joined

(By Associated Press.)
 PHILADELPHIA, July 23.—St. Louis took second place in the pennant race from Philadelphia by defeating the locals 5 to 3. Mayer was knocked off the rubber in the eighth inning. Smith, Miller and Hornsby each getting doubles. Layender also was unable to hold his opponents in check. Umpire O'Day was ill and Harrison officiated alone.

(By Associated Press.)
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TRAINING CAMPS ARE REARRANGED

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, July 24.—Rearrangement of plans for the location of the second officers' training camps to open August 27 has been decided upon by the war department as a result of a re-inspection of the sites previously chosen.

Under the new arrangement there will be nine camps instead of eight, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas, and Fort Riley, Kan., being dropped from the list and Plattsburg Barrack, N. Y., for Fort Niagara, N. Y., Fort Snelling, Minn., and Fort Sheridan, Ill., added.

The Fort Myer, Va., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Presidio, San Francisco, and Leon Springs, Texas, designations remain unchanged but a re-assignment of state personnel among the various camps has been ordered.

Some of the locations originally ordered are objectionable for various reasons, said a report on the subject transmitted to Secretary Baker by Adjutant-General McCain. Some camps are said to have been overcrowded and to lack facilities for training camp work.

The assignment of western state quotas under the new plan follows:
 At Fort Sheridan—Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois.

At Leon Springs—Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

At Fort Snelling—Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

At the Presidio—Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and California.

Kansas women are reported to be canning Russian thistles for winter greens.

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